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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
Afternoon*	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/52/L.23/Rev.1) [24].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [40]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/450);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.38);

   (c) Amendment (A/52/L.39).

3. Multilingualism [23]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/577);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.35).

4. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [27]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/211);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.12).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

OPEN-ENDED HIGH-LEVEL WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

3 p.m. 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Election of Vice-Chairmen

Statement by the Secretary-General

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are requested to contact Ms. Alejandro (ext. 3-2633).]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 4

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israel Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [87] (A/52/131 and Add.1 and 2, A/52/550, A/52/551, A/52/552, A/52/553, A/C.4/52/L.17 to L.21)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Progress reports by the coordinators on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/52/L.23 and L.24 (item 95 (b)), A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)), A/C.2/52/L.13 (item 96 (b)) and A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a))

THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m. 47th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 48th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.69 and L.70*

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.5 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.43

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [110]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.31/Rev.1 and L.38/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/52/L.74

4. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [112 (a)]

   Action on draft proposal A/C.3/52/L.36/Rev.1

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [112 (b)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.45, L.56, L. 57, L.58, L.59, L.66, L.67, L.68 and L.76

6. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [112 (c)]

   Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.54, L.61, L.62, L.65, L.71, L.72, L.73 and L.75

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15 and A/C.5/52/20))

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Pattern of conferences (A/52/32 and Corr.1 (Chinese only) and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291, A/52/340 and Add.1 and A/C.5/52/CRP.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ)

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	633 Third Avenue (Room 27-96)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), scheduled for *today*, 25 November 1997, has been cancelled. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 25 November 1997

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: WORKING GROUP ON THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77 *(reform)*

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the financial situation of the United Nations)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft proposal A/C.2/52/L.23)

1.30 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE: WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS REFORM AND ON THE INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the Coordinators on the current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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A Special International Donor Meeting on Chernobyl will be held *today*, 25 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (UNPREDEP) will be held *today*, 25 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 3 November 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Morning* 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [16 (a)].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/52/L.25) [46].

3. Oceans and the law of the sea [39]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/487, A/52/491);

      (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/52/260;

      (iii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.26, L.27).

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/555);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.29).

   (c) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General A/52/557);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/52/L.30).

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The organizational meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council chaired by the President of the General Assembly will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to appoint Vice-Chairmen of the Working Group.

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

The 15th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to exchange views on the recommendations contained in paras. 43, 44, 48, 85, 89 and 91 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950).

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The 233rd meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Friday, 28 November 1997, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to commemorate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend.

Screening of films

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of a series of films from Monday, 1 December, to Friday, 5 December 1997 at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, at 1 p.m.

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian cultural exhibition entitled "At Home in Palestine," in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibition will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 1 December, to Sunday, 7 December 1997.

The formal opening of the exhibition is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, 1 December 1997, in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Tuesday, 2 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the ad hoc informal open-ended support group to assist the Commission for Social Development in the preparations for the International Year of Older Persons will take place on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegates are invited to present information on developments at the national level in preparation for the year.

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Special event

H. E. Mr. Fidel V. Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, will deliver UNFPA's Seventh Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture, on the theme "It Can Be Done ... Population Management through People Empowerment and Consensus-Building", on Wednesday, 26 November 1997, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer period. All member of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Informal meeting

In the context of the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/1997/46) adopted by the Ministerial Meeting of the Security Council on Africa on 25 September 1997, and the 1 November 1995 report of the Secretary-General on Improving Preparedness for Conflict Prevention and Peacekeeping in Africa (S/1995/911-A/50/711), the Secretariat is convening a meeting on enhancing African capacity for peacekeeping. The meeting, which is open to all interested Member States and will be chaired by Mr. Bernard Miyet, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Friday, 5 December 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 24 November 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

52nd plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/52/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should include the item entitled "Admission of the International Seabed Authority to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund" in the agenda of the current session and that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [16 (c)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or did not exceed the number of seats allocated to each of these regions, with Argentina and Uruguay alternating on an annual basis, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Fiji, Honduras, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Paraguay, the Sudan, Thailand and Uganda were declared elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 1 June 1998. Argentina and Uruguay were declared elected to alternate representation on an annual basis, starting with Argentina on 1 June 1998.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required majority and the greatest number of votes, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Romania, Spain and the United States were elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term beginning on 1 June 1998.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 16.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/374);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.8)

The representative of Zimbabwe made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Swaziland, Japan, Argentina, Ethiopia, Malawi, Norway, Benin and Tunisia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/52/L.8 (resolution 52/20).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 42.

Programme of work

In accordance with paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to authorize the High Level Open-ended Working Group on the Financial Situation of the United Nations and the Open-ended Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council to meet during the main part of its fifty-second session.

53rd plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/52/443)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/297, A/52/341, A/52/433, A/52/434, A/52/500, A/52/525, A/52/532, A/52/535, A/52/562, A/52/563, A/52/568, A/52/678);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.14, L.16, L.34, L.36, L. 37)

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/159)

(e) Participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development:

(i) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/586);*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.32)*

(f) *Strengthening of the international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster:*

(i) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/537);*

(ii) *Draft resolution (A/52/L.33)*

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.32.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/52/L.33.

Statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan, Norway, China, Bulgaria, Uruguay, Canada, Bolivia, the United States, Lebanon, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia , the United Arab Emirates, India, Belarus, Iraq, Tajikistan, Egypt and Liberia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974 and 43/177 of 15 December 1988, the observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted under agenda item 20 would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [86]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/52/13).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/52/578).

The general debate began with statements by the representatives of Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Luxembourg (also on behalf of the European Union an the following associated countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Egypt, Malaysia, Turkey, Canada, Israel and the United States.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements were also made by the observers of the Holy See, the League of Arab States and Switzerland.

The observer for Palestine and the representative of Israel made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 12 noon the same day.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on agenda item 86 and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Malta, Japan, Saudi Arabia, China, Australia, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Tunisia, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Colombia.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Human rights questions [112]:

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.59

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Iceland, Japan and Norway.

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/52/L.66 and L.67

The representative of Colombia introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.68

The representative of Australia introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Denmark, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Norway.

Draft decision A/C.3/52/L.76

The Committee's attention was drawn to the draft decision, which had been submitted by the Chairman.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.69

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement with regard to the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.62

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Australia, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland and the United Kingdom.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.65

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.71

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Lithuania, the Marshall Islands and Poland.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.72

The representative of Luxembourg introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as Costa Rica, Lithuania and the Marshall Islands.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.73

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.50

The Chairman made a statement with regard to the draft resolution and informed the Committee that it contained no programme budget implications.

El Salvador, Israel, Panama, Swaziland, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.55 and Corr.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Afghanistan, Benin, Cameroon, Croatia, Ethiopia, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the Solomon Islands, Suriname, The former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Swaziland made a statement.

Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Croatia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, the Sudan and Turkmenistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of India, who orally corrected the draft resolution and Mexico, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that Canada was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Australia, Costa Rica, France, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, the Russian Federation, Swaziland, the United States, Cuba, Sweden and China.

Following a suspension of the meeting, the representative of Sweden further orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the Netherlands, Singapore and Japan.

(d) Human rights questions: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Austria further orally revised the draft resolution.

Andorra, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Canada, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, the Marshall Islands, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Suriname and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Organization of work

The Chairman advised the Committee that action would be taken at its next meetings on all outstanding draft resolutions which had heretofore been introduced.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 1997

36th and 37th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16 of the Convention [6]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of the United Kingdom (E/1994/104/Add.11).

In accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Nepal (18 November 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The main Delegates' Dining-room and private dining rooms will be closed until 28 November 1997, due to renovations. The Delegates Dining-room buffet service will be available in the West Terrace until 26 November 1997. Reservations are recommended. No services will be available in the Delegates' Dining Room complex on Friday, 28 November 1997. The Staff Cafe and Cafeteria will be open during that period. All catering facilities will be closed on Thursday, 27 November 1997, Thanksgiving Day.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 25 November 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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